

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 2, without prejudice.

Please add new claims 6-9 and amend claims 1, 3, 4 and 5 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A magnetic disk device comprising:

magnetic disks;

magnetic head arms providing access to the magnetic disks; and

wind shield members each arranged above or below said magnetic

~~disk~~disks in a region ~~adjacent~~adjacent to and on the rotationally upstream side of said

magnetic head ~~arm~~arms for restricting the impact of an air flow generated by the rotation of

the magnetic ~~disk~~disks against the magnetic head ~~arm~~arms;

wherein an edge on the rotationally entrance side of said wind shield

members have a curved guide surface for guiding the generated air flow to the outside of the

magnetic disks.

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3. (Currently amended) A magnetic disk device according to claim

1, wherein said wind shield ~~member~~members have a cross-sectional shape which

becomes progressively smaller toward an edge thereof on the rotationally exit side.

4. (Currently amended) A magnetic disk device according to claim 1, wherein said wind shield members have surface portions arranged opposed to, and in proximity with, upper and lower surfaces of said magnetic ~~disk~~disks, whereby the generated air flow is introduced between said surface portions and the magnetic ~~disk~~disks thereby to prevent the magnetic ~~disk~~disks from being displaced in the direction of the thickness thereof.

5. (Currently amended) A magnetic disk device according to claim 1, wherein said wind shield members are formed in a wind shield block, said wind shield block having a support post and said wind shield members transversely ~~extend~~extending from said support post, said support post having a curved surrounding surface concentric with said magnetic ~~disk~~disks and surrounding an outer periphery of the magnetic ~~disk~~disks with a small gap therebetween.

6. (New) A magnetic disk device comprising:  
magnetic disks;  
magnetic head arms providing access to the magnetic disks; and  
wind shield members each arranged above or below said magnetic disks  
in a region adjacent to and on the rotationally upstream side of said magnetic head arms for restricting the impact of an air flow generated by the rotation of the magnetic disks against the magnetic head arms;

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wherein said wind shield members are formed in a wind shield block, said wind shield block having a support post and said wind shield members transversely extending from said support post, said support post having a curved surrounding surface concentric with said magnetic disks and surrounding an outer periphery of the magnetic disks with a small gap therebetween.

7. (New) A magnetic disk device according to claim 6, wherein said wind shield members have a cross-sectional shape which becomes progressively smaller toward an edge thereof on the rotationally exit side.

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8. (New) A magnetic disk device comprising:

magnetic disks;

magnetic head arms providing access to the magnetic disks; and

wind shield members each arranged above or below said magnetic disks in a region adjacent to and on the rotationally upstream side of said magnetic head arms for restricting the impact of an air flow generated by the rotation of the magnetic disks against the magnetic head arms;

wherein said wind shield members have surface portions arranged opposed to, and in proximity with, upper and lower surfaces of said magnetic disks, whereby the generated air flow is introduced between said surface portions and the magnetic disks

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thereby to prevent the magnetic disks from being displaced in the direction of the thickness thereof.

9. (New) A magnetic disk device according to claim 8, wherein said wind shield members have a cross-sectional shape which becomes progressively smaller toward an edge thereof on the rotationally exit side.

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